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October 9, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: AID-TO-CITIES
CITY OF PALMDALE RESOLUTION NO. 3903
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(4 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Acting as a responsible agency, find that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt the resolution finding that the construction of regional traffic signal synchronization improvements on Avenue R in the City of Palmdale is of general County interest and that County-aid shall be provided to the City of Palmdale, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Highway Users Tax, in the amount of \$139,857.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide the City of Palmdale with its remaining Aid-to-Cities (ATC) funds in the amount of \$139,857 for the construction of regional traffic signal synchronization improvements on Avenue R.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). By improving traffic safety and constructing regional traffic signal synchronization improvements on Avenue R, residents of the City of Palmdale and nearby unincorporated County areas who travel on this street will benefit, and their quality of life will be improved.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The County's anticipated expenses for the ATC program are budgeted annually in the Road Fund Budget administered by the Department of Public Works.

The estimated cost of the Avenue R regional traffic signal synchronization improvements is \$1.3 million, with approximately \$790,000 being provided by a Metropolitan Transportation Authority grant and \$370,000 from the City of Palmdale. The \$139,857 necessary to finance this request is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County's ATC program was formally initiated in the 1940s providing for the County to allocate a portion of its State Gasoline Tax funds to cities in Los Angeles County on a formula basis.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 1990-91, annual ATC allocations were discontinued. However, some cities have yet to claim the ATC funds allocated to them in the preceding years. We have reviewed the traffic signal synchronization improvements by the City of Palmdale and have determined that the work meets all of your Board's previously adopted criteria for use of ATC funds. The requested amount of \$139,857 represents all of the money remaining to the credit of the City of Palmdale in its County ATC allocation of funds.

Aid-to-Cities is authorized and governed by Sections 1680-1684 and 1686 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

The County's ATC program is governed by policies adopted by your Board on September 28, 1982, Synopsis 69, and on March 20, 1990, Synopsis 40. The 1982 policy provides for 14 percent of the County's Gasoline Tax funds received under Section 2104 of the Streets and Highways Code to be allocated annually to cities by a formula prescribed under Section 2106.3 of the Streets and Highways Code and spent by cities in accordance with the authorizing Streets and Highways Code sections.

The 1990 Board action revised the policy for the Fiscal Year 1989-90 ATC funds allocations. The policy provides for all 1989-90 ATC funds to be utilized as follows: (1) Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization projects, (2) Transportation Systems Management and Congestion Management projects that improve regional traffic mobility, and (3) design, acquisition of right of way, and construction of city streets on the County Highway Plan, which are of general County interest and regional significance, providing that the regional priorities in 1 and 2 are met to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works.

The attached resolution allocates \$139,857 to the City's proposed regional traffic signal synchronization project.

The resolution has been approved by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1 (x) Subsection (4) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines. The City of Palmdale is the lead agency for this project and a Notice of Exemption was prepared by the City and filed with the County Clerk on April 11, 2005.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

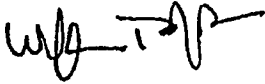
The project will enhance motorist safety by constructing regional traffic signal synchronization improvements on Avenue R.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and two adopted copies of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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SA:sc

Attachment

c: County Counsel
Department of Public Works (Budget/Fund Management, Fiscal, Public Relations)

**RESOLUTION NO. 3903
DIRECTING DISTRIBUTION OF AID-TO-CITIES
FUNDS TO THE CITY OF PALMDALE**

WHEREAS, the City of Palmdale desires to construct regional traffic signal synchronization improvements on Avenue R; and

WHEREAS, the City has a credit of \$139,857 allocated to it under the Aid-to-Cities Fund from 1989-90; and

WHEREAS, the traffic signal synchronization improvements are of general County interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, County-aid shall be provided therefore to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Highway Users Tax, in the amount of \$139,857, to be made available from the Road Fund for this purpose and that this amount be paid to the City of Palmdale for said purpose upon written request to the Director of Public Works when work is about to be started and when money is available in the County Treasury.

Provided; however, that if the work mentioned above has not been started within 60 days from date of County warrant in payment, said amount shall be returned to the Director of Public Works and deposited in the Road Fund, and provided also that, immediately upon completion of the project, an itemized statement shall be rendered to the Director of Public Works, showing the application of this money for the work performed, and if any portion of said sum shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified, the sum or sums so remaining unexpended shall be returned to the Director of Public Works immediately and deposited in the Road Fund.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2007, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, an ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

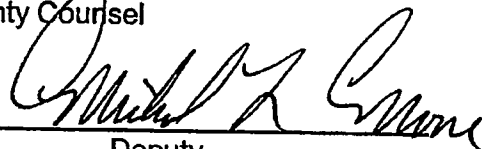
SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy